

VI NATIONAL COMMUNIST CONGRES
13 August 1949

Text of Resolution Convening the Congress, approved by
the Executive Committee.

The Central Executive Committee of the PARTIDO COMUNISTA
DE COLOMBIA,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That in accordance with Article 39 of the Statutes of our Party, the Central Committee every two years must regularly convene the Congress of the Party;
- b) That on 17 July of this year it will be two years since the holding of the V Congress in Bucaramanga;
- c) That in accordance with our statutes, as of the date of this resolution "all members of the Party, within its organisms, enjoy the unlimited right of expressing their opinions on the problems which should be discussed at the Congress and of presenting the proposals they believe necessary. This unlimited right of opinion covers all aspects of the program, the statutes and the composition of future organizations of the Party, as well as critical analysis of tasks completed by the directing and control organizations elected at the previous Congress;
- d) That taking into account the number and complexity of the problems which the Congress must discuss, it considered it necessary to set a period of one week as the maximum duration;
- e) That it is the obligation of the National Executive at least two months in advance to present the materials to be used as the basis of discussion by the members of the party as preparation for the Congress;
- f) That present conditions of the development of the struggle of the working class and the people, in the face of intensification of the offensive of North American imperialism and national reactionaries require extensive and deep study of the basic problems of the nation and the Party.

RESOLVES:

1. To call the Sixth Congress of the PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE COLOMBIA, which is to meet 13 - 20 August of the present year in the city of Bogotá.

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2. Beginning this week, to present for the study of the members of the Party the materials to serve as the basis for discussions at the Congress;

3. To demand that those in charge of the Syndical, Feminine and Youth fronts draw up political material to serve as the basis for discussion in the respective special meetings to be held during the congress; to publish the agrarian agenda drawn up by the committee appointed by the Executive for that purpose, as the basic political material for a special debate on the agrarian question which will be held during the Congress.

4. The National Executive will charge various members with carrying out investigations and drawing up material to contribute to the clarification of the various problems related to the economic-social situation in Colombia, which, after discussion, will appear in the "Tribune of the Sixth Congress" published by the official newsorgan of the Party beginning with the next issue.

5. Draw up the order of the day and regulations for the Sixth Congress:

- a) Installation of the Congress, speeches by fraternal delegates; appointment of presiding officers; committees; reading of the Political Report and Proposals.
- b) Political discussion;
- c) Reading of reports on Organization, printing, the official newsorgan, and discussion of the reports;
- d) Meeting of the Committees of the Congress;
- e) Discussion of the political conclusions, organization, agrarian, syndical, feminine, youth.
- f) Reading and discussion of changes to Program and Statutes.
- g) Election of the Central Committee, Control and Discipline Committee, and closing.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND OPERATION
OF THE CONGRESS

Appointment of Delegates

1. The Departmental Committees will be entitled to two delegates; the Regional Committees, Municipal Committees and cells which are operating in accordance with Article 36 of the Statutes, i.e. six months previous to issuance of this resolution, will be entitled to one delegate.
2. The delegates to the Congress must be elected in accordance with Article 36 (No. b) of the Statutes. This election must be carried out following political discussion, in plenary session of the particular organization, of the material presented by the Central Committee and published in the official newsorgan.
3. The central Committees wishes to suggest to all organizations of the Party that in designating its delegates, consideration be given to comrades who are in charge of particular projects, particularly those which will be the subject of special meetings during the Congress.
4. Those localities which have only one cell and one Municipal Committee will be entitled to only one delegate to the Congress.
5. All members of the Central Committee are delegates to the Congress in their own right, with the right to speak and vote.

Operation of the Congress

1. In order to make the work more efficient and allow the full study of each problem, the Congress will have only one plenary session each day, during which will be read and discussed the conclusions adopted by each of the permanent committees which will work the rest of the time. All delegates who wish to take part in the discussion of the particular problem may attend these committees.
2. Beginning with the second day of the Congress, during the evening, special meetings will be held on syndical, agrarian, youth and feminine matters, up to and including the night of the fourth day. In conformity with the agenda established by the Convening Resolution, the conclusions adopted by each committee will be presented to the Congress accompanied by an explanation to clarify the reason they were made;
3. The debates in the special meetings will cover in turn the reports and material which the national officers should present to the members of the Party and which the delegates should study.

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4. In accordance with the organization of the Congress, the reports submitted by all organizations should be presented to conform to each particular field: political, organization, education, agrarian, etc., in order to avoid the confusion which habitually has slowed progress and diminished the effectiveness of our Congresses and Plenary sessions;

5. The expenses of each delegate must be paid by the organization electing him. The approximate expenses for each delegation will be presented soon; and

6. Delegates must be in Bogotá at the latest at noon on 13 August, the day of the installation of the VI Congress.

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